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After sin entered this new world because of Adam and Eve's disobedience, God established a sacrificial system and explained that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness for sin ([Hebrews 9:22](#)). He told them that these sacrifices pointed forward to the time when Jesus would become a man and die as the Lamb of God for the sins of the world.

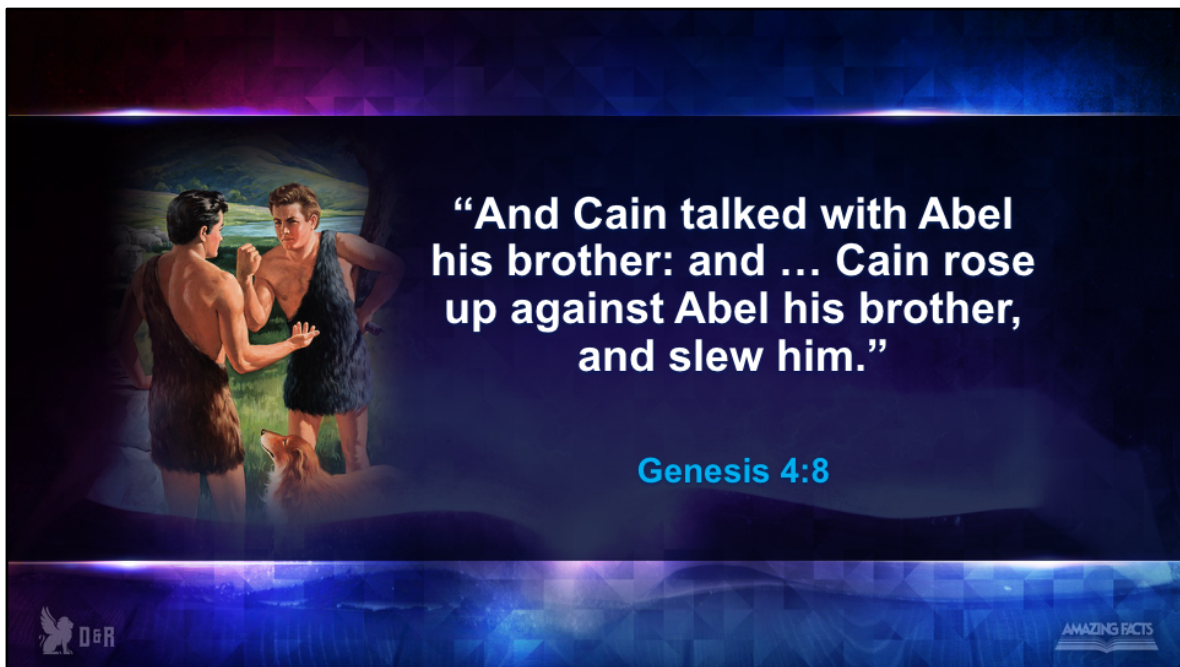
**“Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.”**

**Genesis 4:2**



Abel faithfully brought a young lamb as a sacrifice for his sins, but Cain thought it was unnecessary to obey God's command so precisely. He considered the sacrificial system to be messy and reasoned that as long as he brought an offering and worshiped God, the details wouldn't matter. So he brought an offering of his own works, some produce from the field. Cain watched with jealous anger as fire came down from heaven and consumed Abel's sacrifice but left his own offering untouched.





The Lord lovingly urged Cain to humble himself and obey, but Cain stubbornly persisted in his rebellion. Abel also tried to gently reason with his older brother, but Cain flew into a rage.

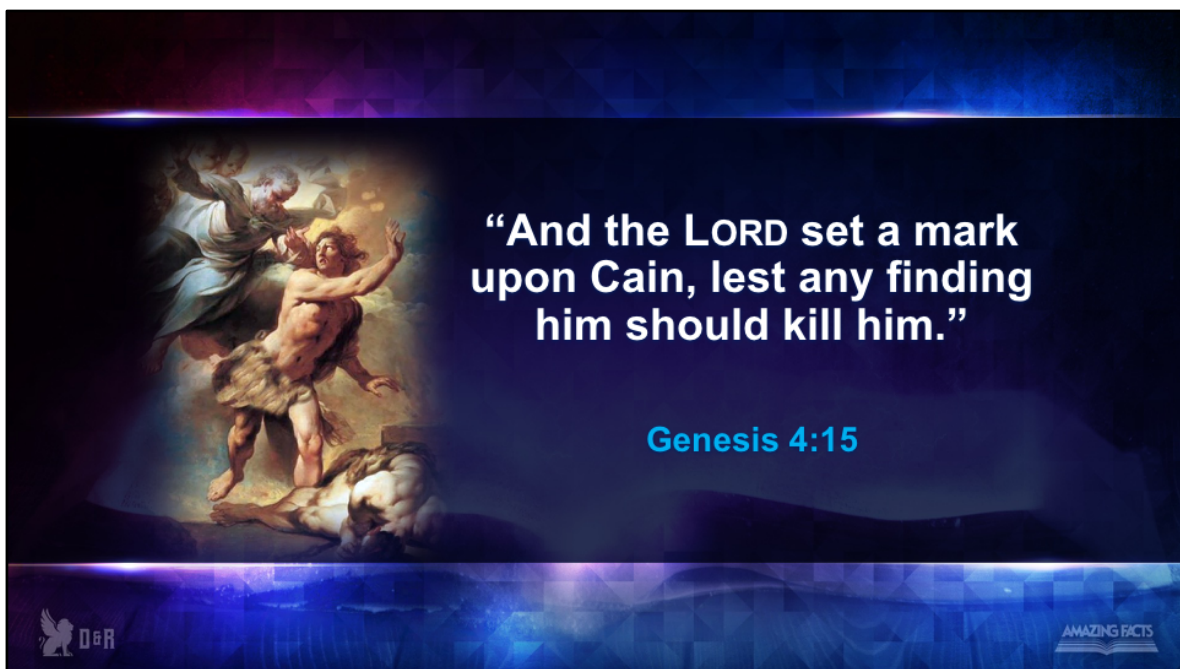


**“... the voice of thy  
brother’s blood crieth  
unto me from the  
ground.”**

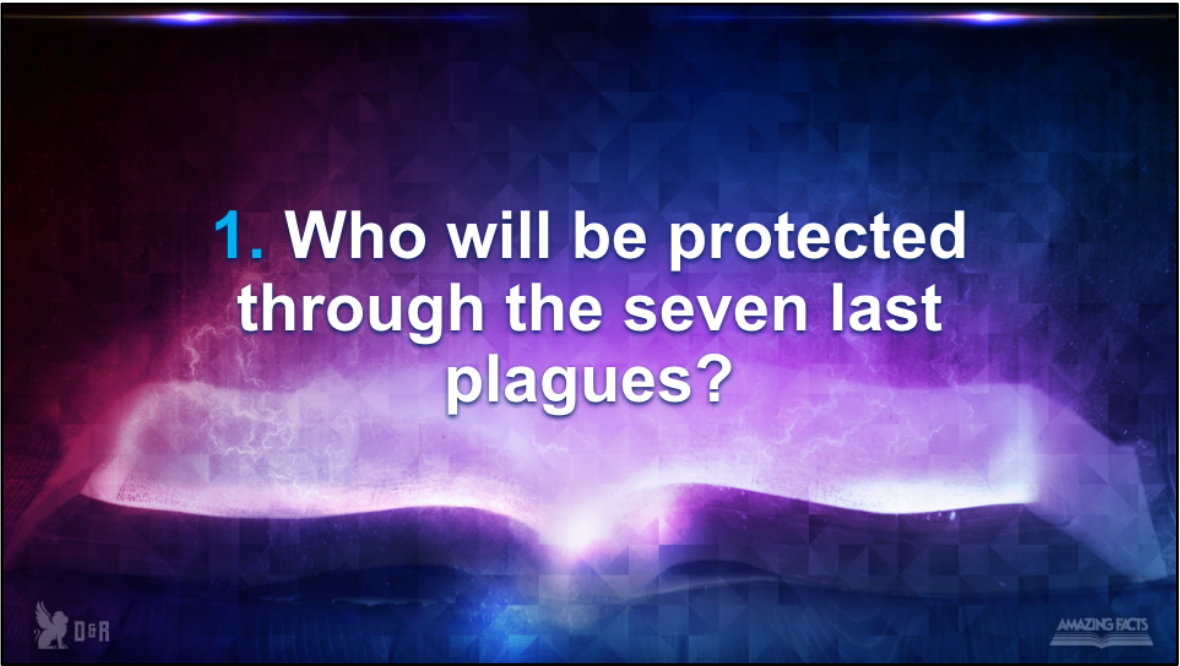
**Genesis 4:10**



By the time he regained his senses, Abel's bloody body lay still at his feet. God pronounced a curse upon Cain, and when Cain complained about his sentence, the Lord placed a mark upon him lest future generations take revenge for this first homicide.



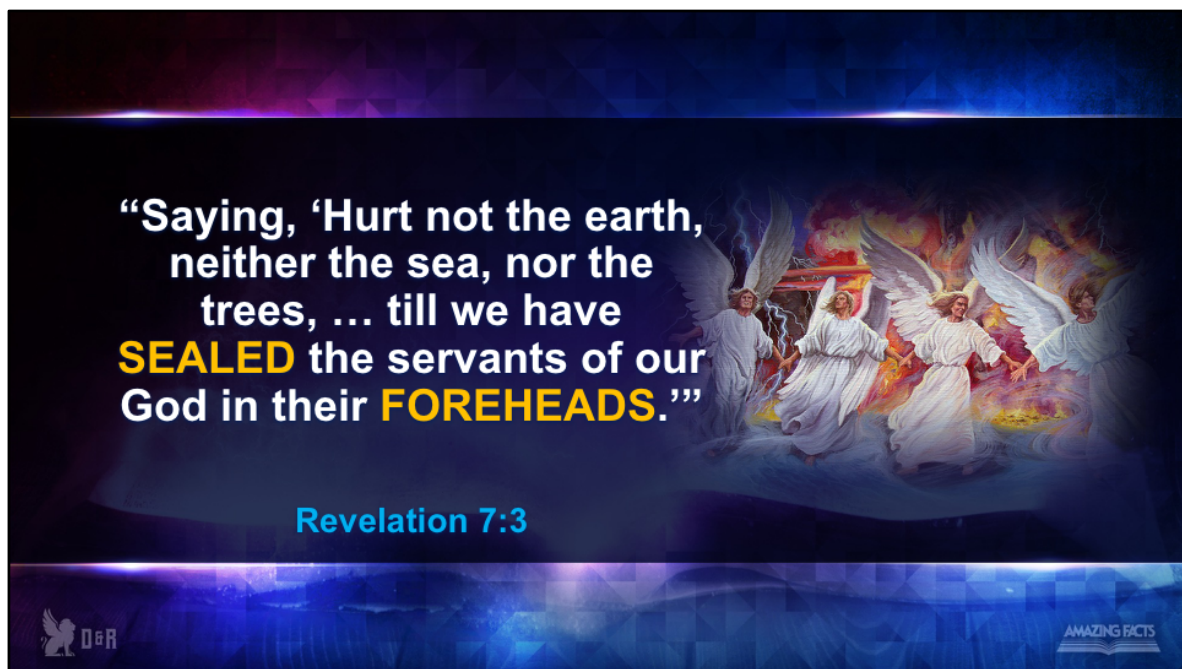
The book of Revelation tells us that, in the last days, there will again be a battle between Christians regarding how and when to worship. Soon everyone will be identified either by the seal of God or the mark of the beast.



**1. Who will be protected  
through the seven last  
plagues?**



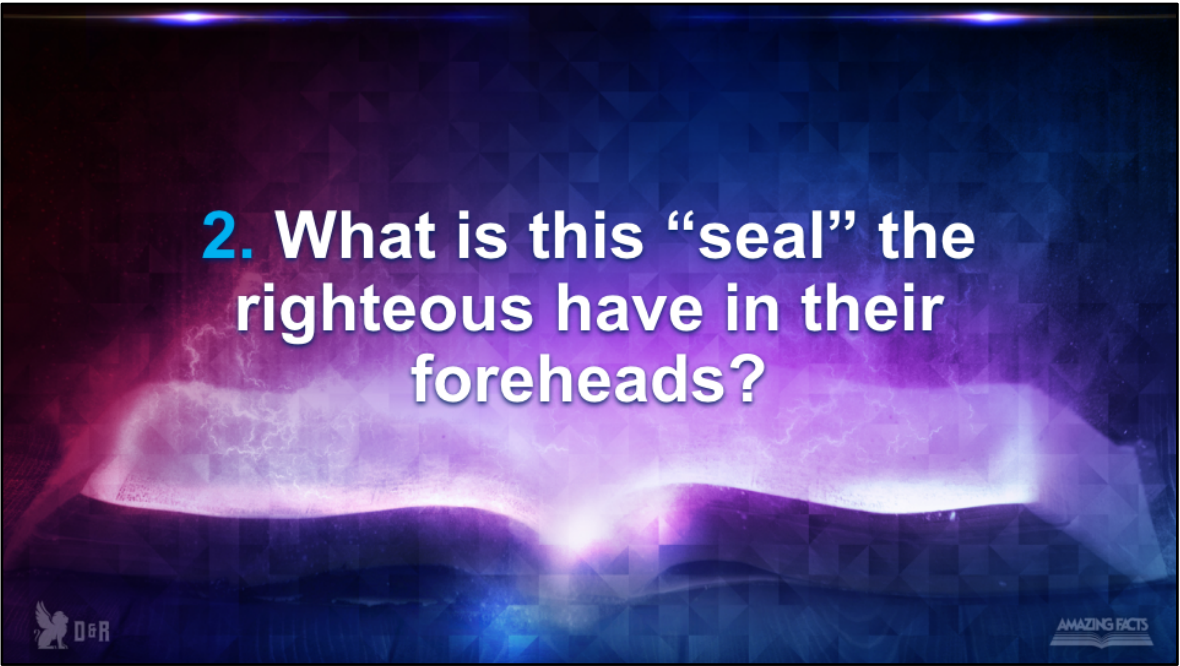
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**NOTE:**

*Those who receive God's seal in their foreheads will be protected during the plagues (Psalms 91:7-11).*





**2. What is this “seal” the righteous have in their foreheads?**



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“Bind up the  
testimony, seal the  
**LAW** among my  
disciples.”

Isaiah 8:16



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## God's Seal contains

1. His name
2. His title
3. His territory

**His Seal is found in the heart of His law.**



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### *NOTE:*

*God's seal is found in His law. A seal is what makes a document official, and it normally contains three characteristics: Name, Office, and Territory. An example would be "Cyrus king of Persia" in Ezra 1:1.*

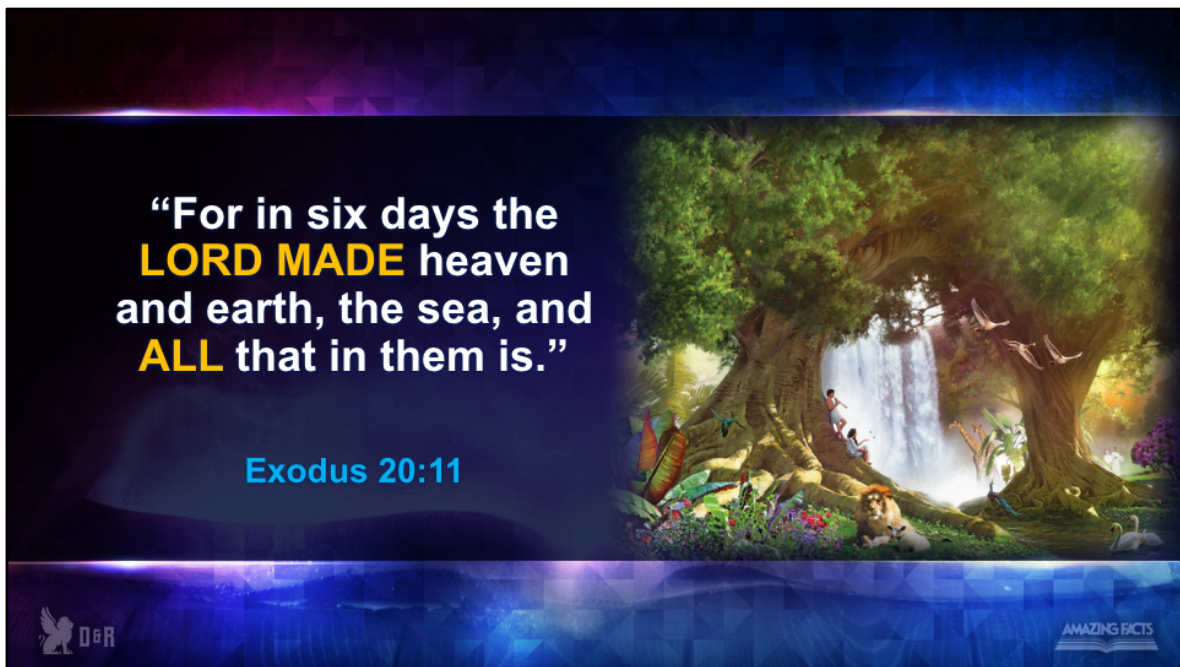


**3. Which of the Ten  
Commandments contains all  
the elements of a seal?**



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**NOTE:**

*The fourth commandment is the only one that contains all three elements of a seal: (1) "The Lord"--His name, (2) "made"--His office as Creator, (3) "heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is"--His territory.*

**4. We have identified the beast.  
What is its mark of authority?**



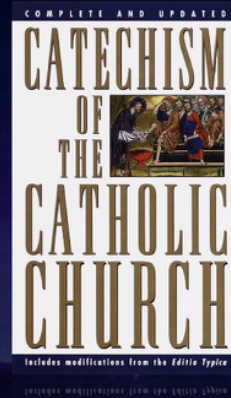
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The Catholic catechism says:

**“Q. Which is the Sabbath day?**

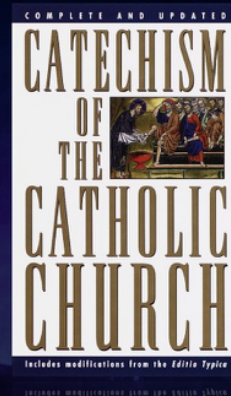
**A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.**

**Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?”**



*We identified the first beast of Revelation 13 previously. What is its mark of power and authority? The best way to discover its mark of authority is to ask the papacy directly. Notice the following section from a Catholic catechism:*

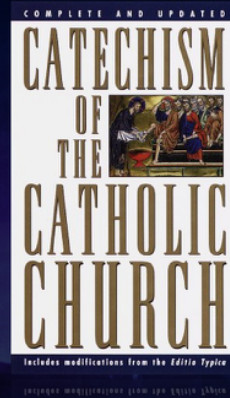
**“A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”**



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**“Q. Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?”**

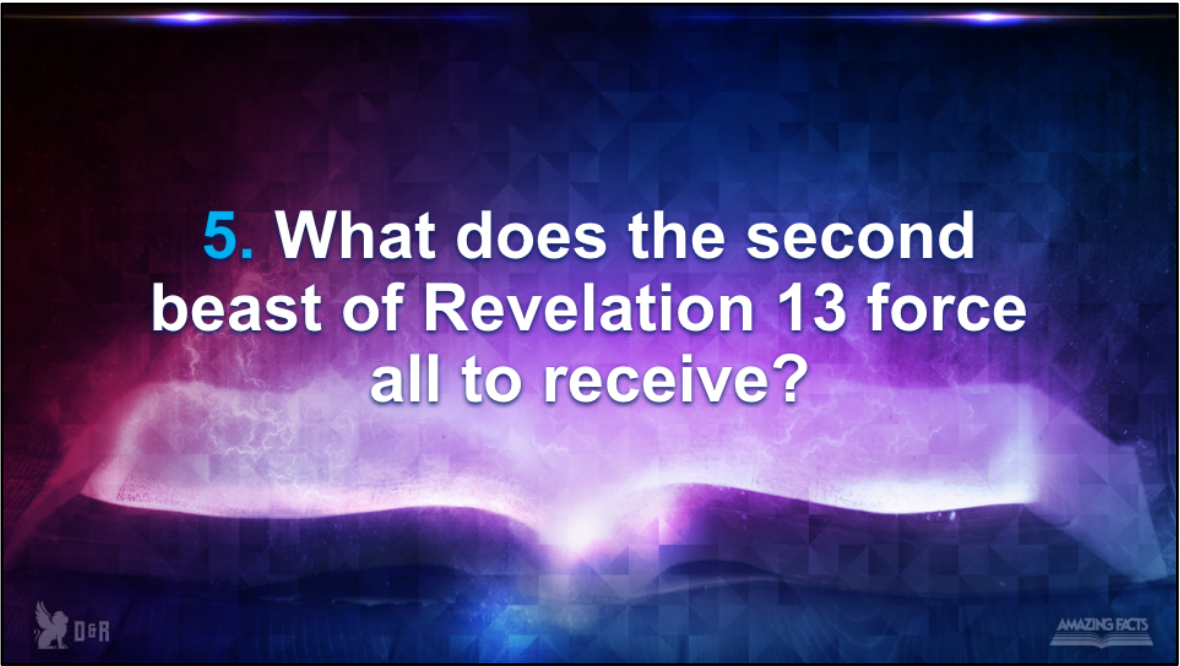


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**“A. Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her—she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.”**



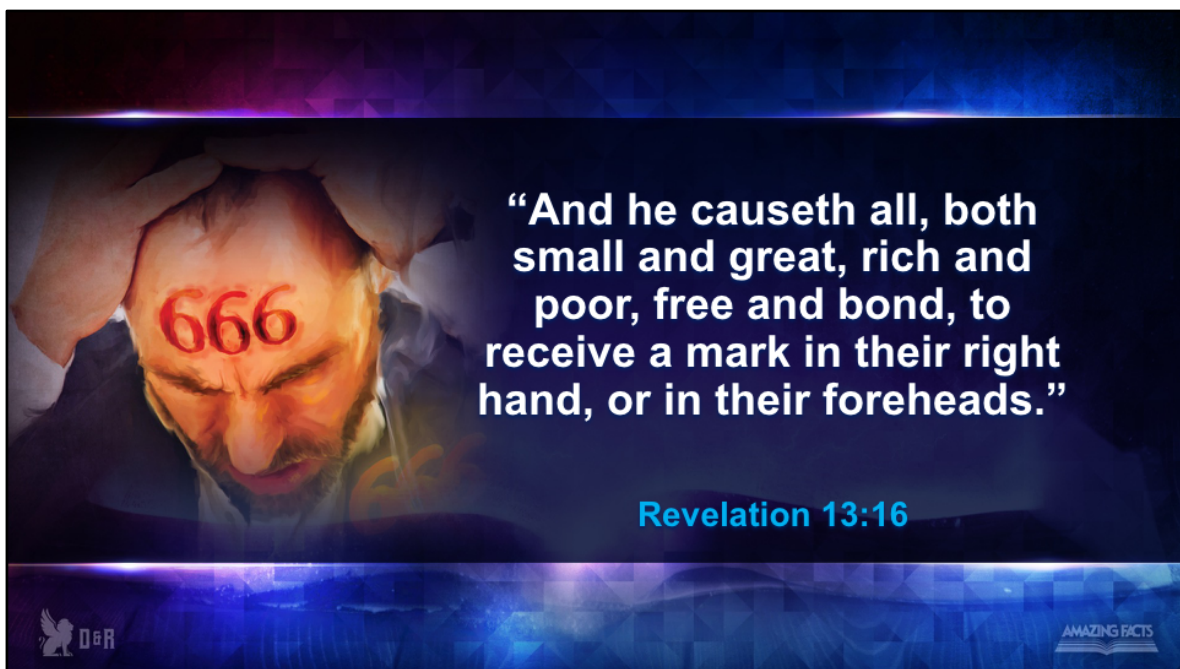
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**5. What does the second  
beast of Revelation 13 force  
all to receive?**



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**6. Does anyone have the mark of the beast now?**



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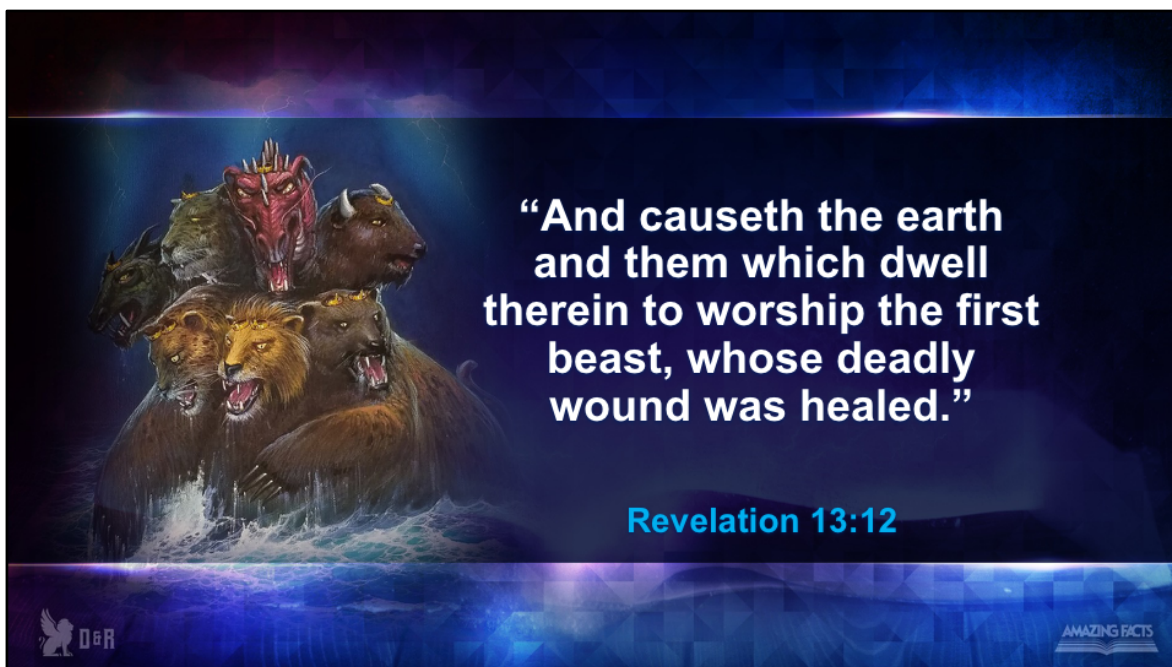


“No man might **BUY** or  
**SELL**, save he that had  
the mark, or the name of  
the beast, or the number  
of his name.”

Revelation 13:17



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**NOTE:**

*No person has the mark now. When it becomes a forced issue, only those who have received the mark of the beast will be able to buy or sell. At that time, people who keep God's holy Sabbath will do so at the risk of their lives (Revelation 13:15), and those who choose to profane His holy day and officially cast their votes by placing the laws of men above the Law of God will be marked as belonging to Antichrist. All who are loyal to Jesus and His holy day will receive Jesus' glorious seal, thus making them His forever. Those who try to remain neutral will be counted for Antichrist (Matthew 12:30).*

**7. Is the mark of the beast or the seal of God a visible mark?**



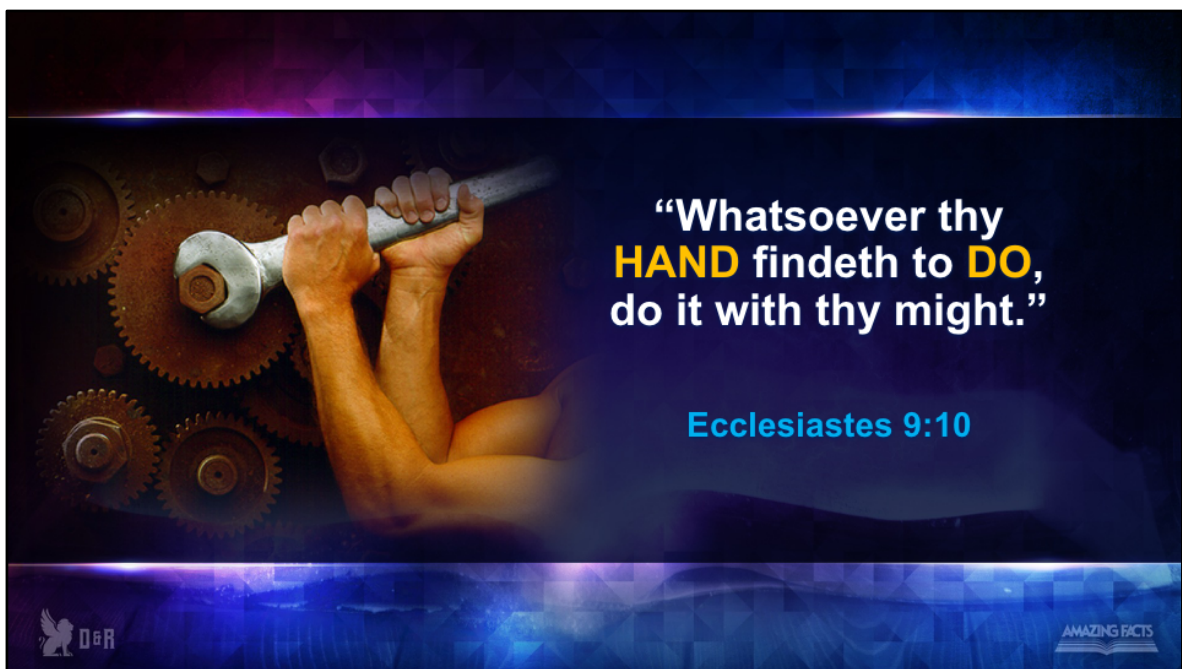
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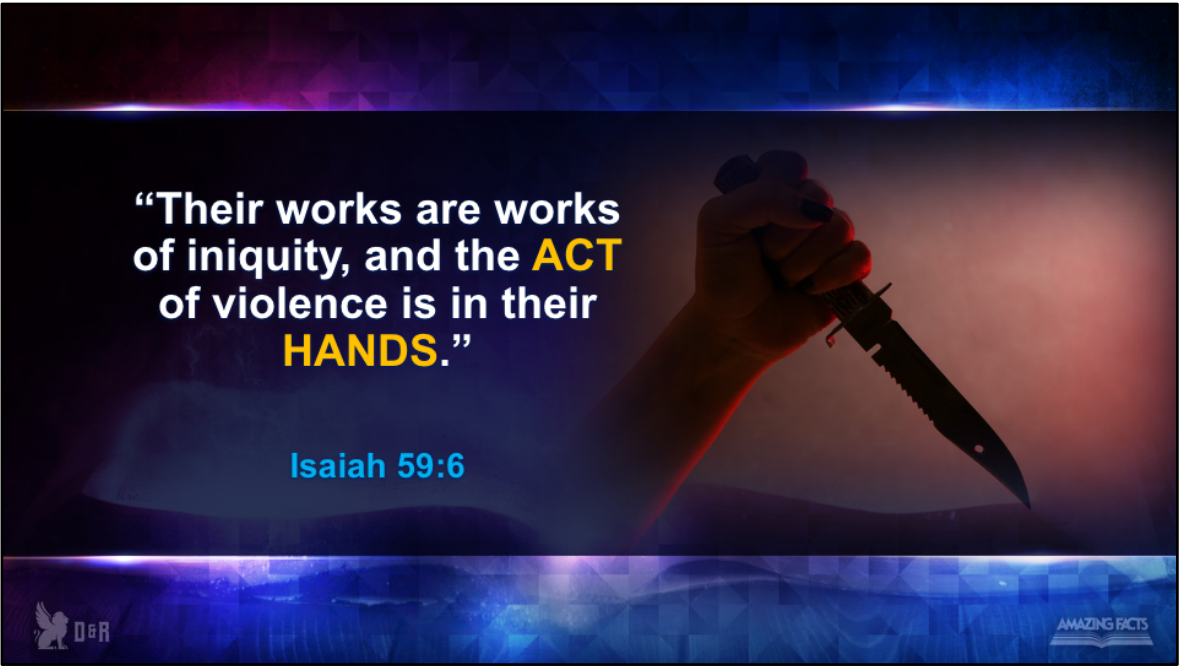
**NOTE:**

*Neither the mark of the beast nor the seal of God is outwardly visible. The forehead represents the mind, and the hand is a symbol of work. "On the hand" and "between the eyes" are consistent symbols in Scripture for a person's thoughts and actions (Exodus 13:16; Deuteronomy 6:8; 11:18).*







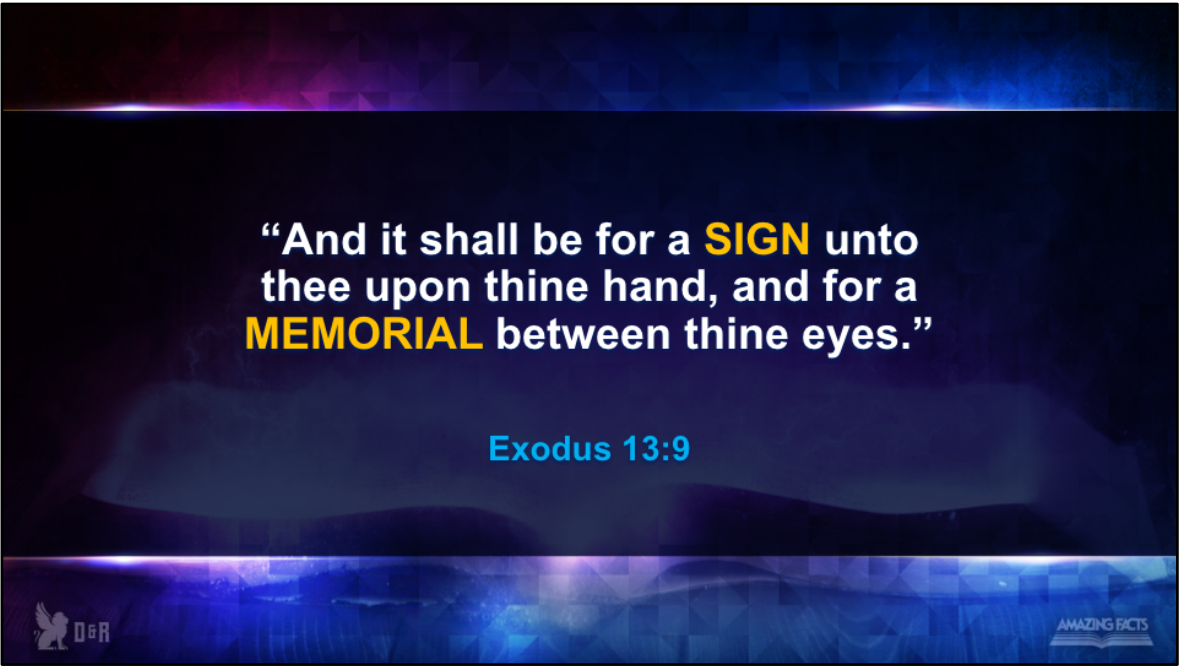


“Their works are works  
of iniquity, and the **ACT**  
of violence is in their  
**HANDS.**”

Isaiah 59:6



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“And it shall be for a **SIGN** unto thee upon thine hand, and for a **MEMORIAL** between thine eyes.”

Exodus 13:9

*A person will receive the mark of the beast in his forehead by choosing to believe that Sunday is a holy day in spite of Bible truth. A person will be marked in the right hand by working on God's Sabbath or by outwardly keeping Sunday laws for convenient reasons--such as a job, family, etc. Although the sign is invisible to men, God will know who has which mark (2 Timothy 2:19). In a sense, each person will mark himself. If I respect and regard God's holy Sabbath, He will mark me as His own. If I regard the beast's false Sabbath, He will mark me as belonging to the beast.*

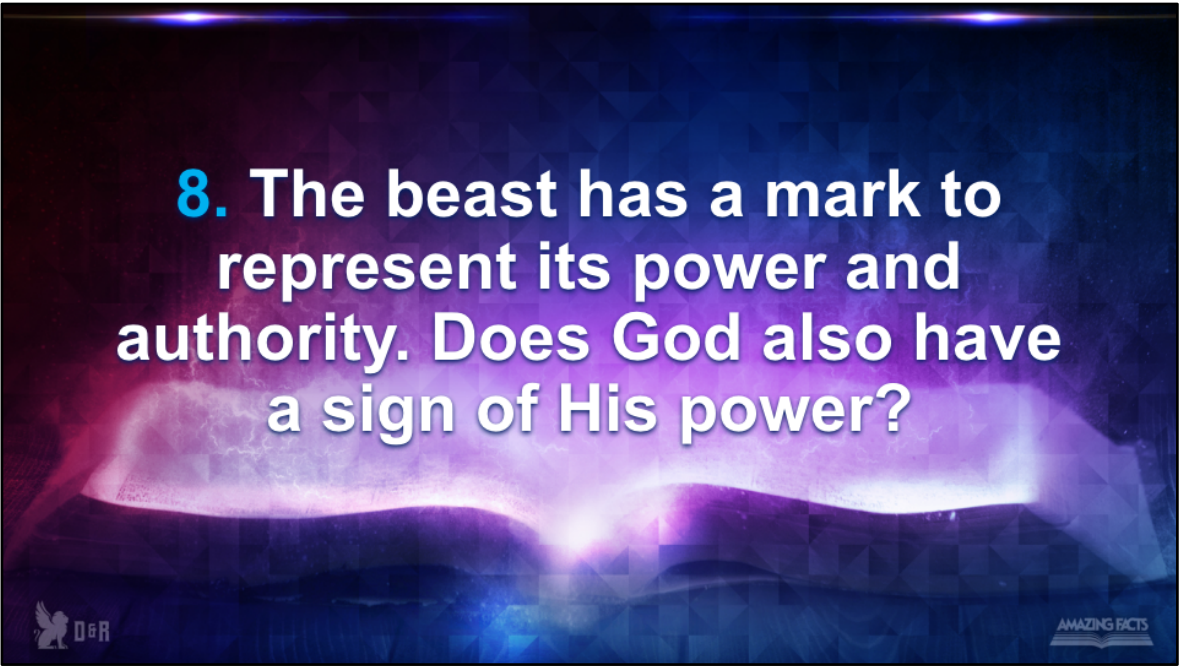
## God's Seal & God's Law in the Forehead

**"I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."**

Hebrews 8:10



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**8. The beast has a mark to represent its power and authority. Does God also have a sign of His power?**



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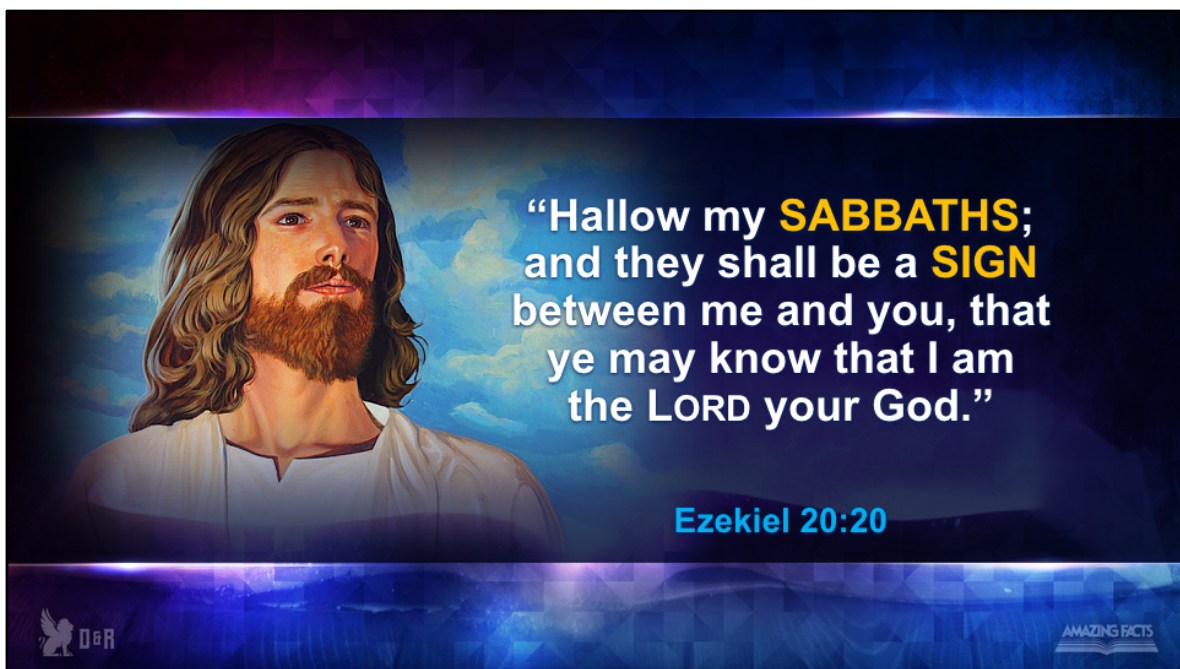
“I gave them my Sabbaths,  
to be a **SIGN** between me  
and them, that they might  
know that I am the LORD  
that sanctify them.”

Ezekiel 20:12



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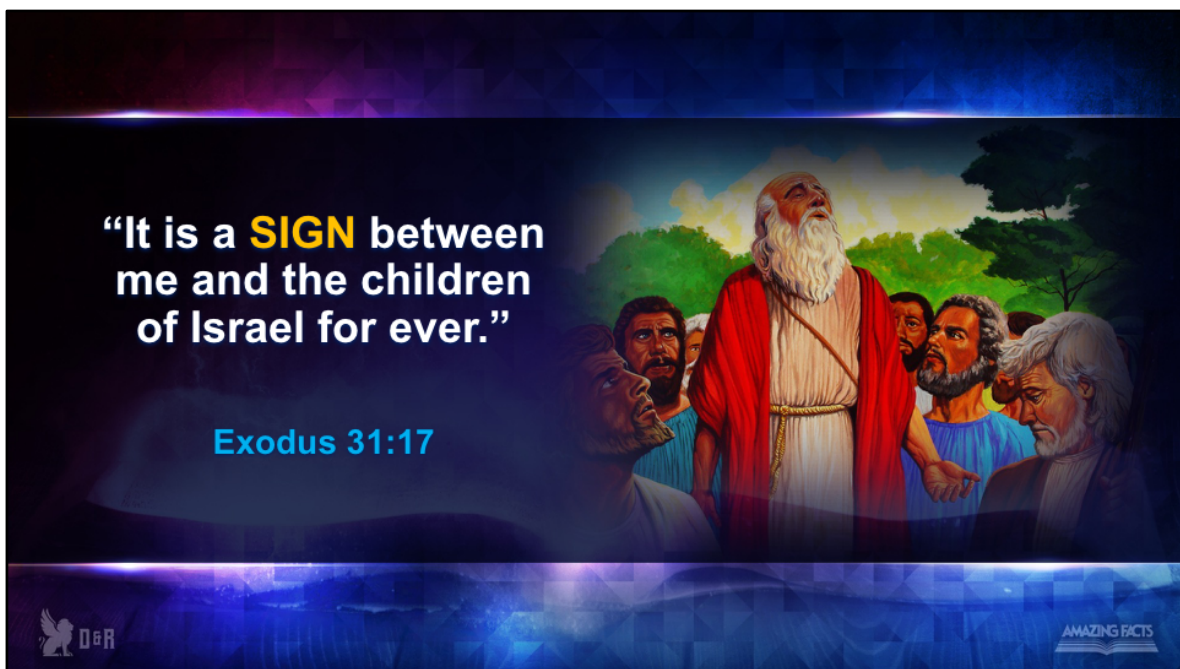


“Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a **SIGN** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.”

Exodus 31:13



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**NOTE:**

*God clearly states that He gave the Sabbath as a sign of His power to create and sanctify. It is His seal, or mark of authority. The words "seal," "sign," "mark," and "token" are used interchangeably throughout the Bible (compare Genesis 17:11 with Romans 4:11 and Revelation 7:3 with Ezekiel 9:4).*

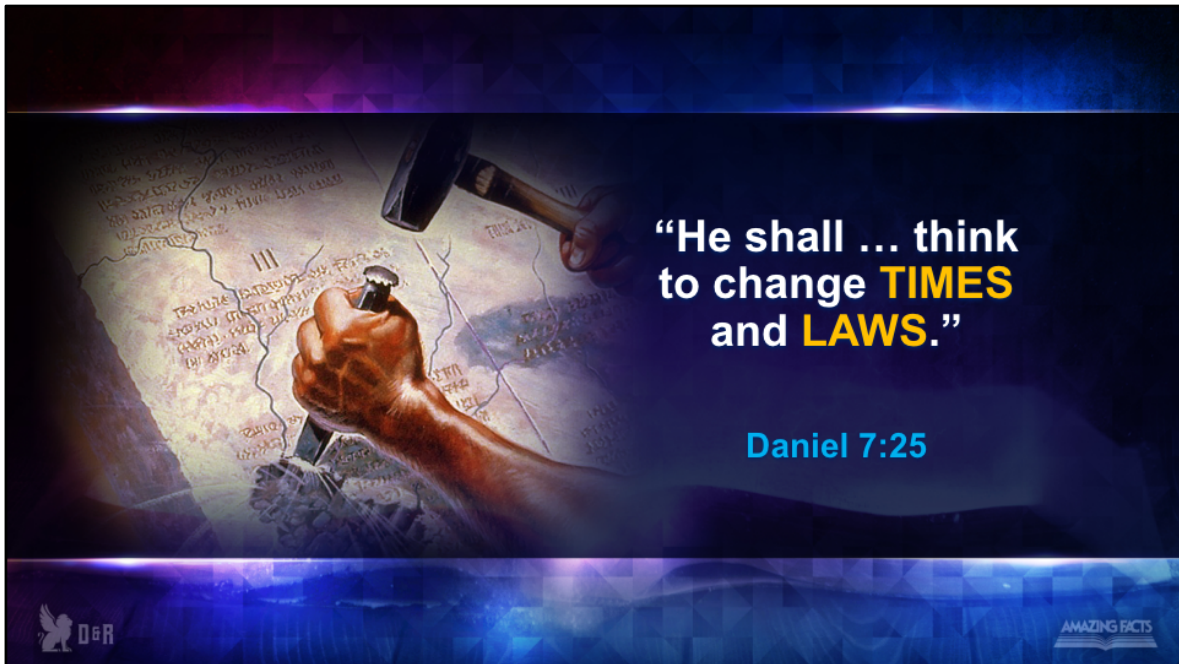
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## **9. What did the Antichrist power attempt to change?**



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**NOTE:**

*Daniel 7 reveals an Old Testament description of the Antichrist power. It clearly predicts that the beast would attempt to change both God's laws and times. The papacy has tried to change God's laws by: (1) omitting the second commandment against veneration of images, (2) shortening the fourth commandment from 94 words to just eight in order to avoid mentioning which day is the Sabbath, and (3) dividing the tenth commandment into two commandments. The papacy attempted to change God's times by: (1) teaching people to recognize the first day of the week as the Sabbath instead of the seventh day, and (2) adopting the pagan Roman practice of beginning each day at midnight instead of sundown. God's timing for the Sabbath is from sundown Friday night to sundown Saturday night (Leviticus 23:32). No mortal should ever dare to tamper with God's sacred law or times (Matthew 5:18).*



**“The Pope has power to change times, to  
abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things,  
even the precepts of Christ.”**

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**“Of course the Catholic church claims that the change was her act ... and the act is a **MARK** of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.”**

Letter, Oct. 28, 1895 from C.F. Thomas



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**“Perhaps the boldest things, the most revolutionary change the church ever did happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday ... not from any directions noted in the Scriptures,”**



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**‘but from the church’s sense of its own power  
... People who think that the Scriptures should  
be the sole authority, should logically become  
7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy.’**

*Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel,*  
May 21, 1995



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**“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, ‘We ought to obey God rather than men.’”**

**Acts 5:29**



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**Pope Francis says evolution is  
real and supports the “Big Bang.”**

**“Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with  
the notion of creation, because evolution  
requires the creation of beings that evolve.”**

*Washington Post* – October 28, 2014



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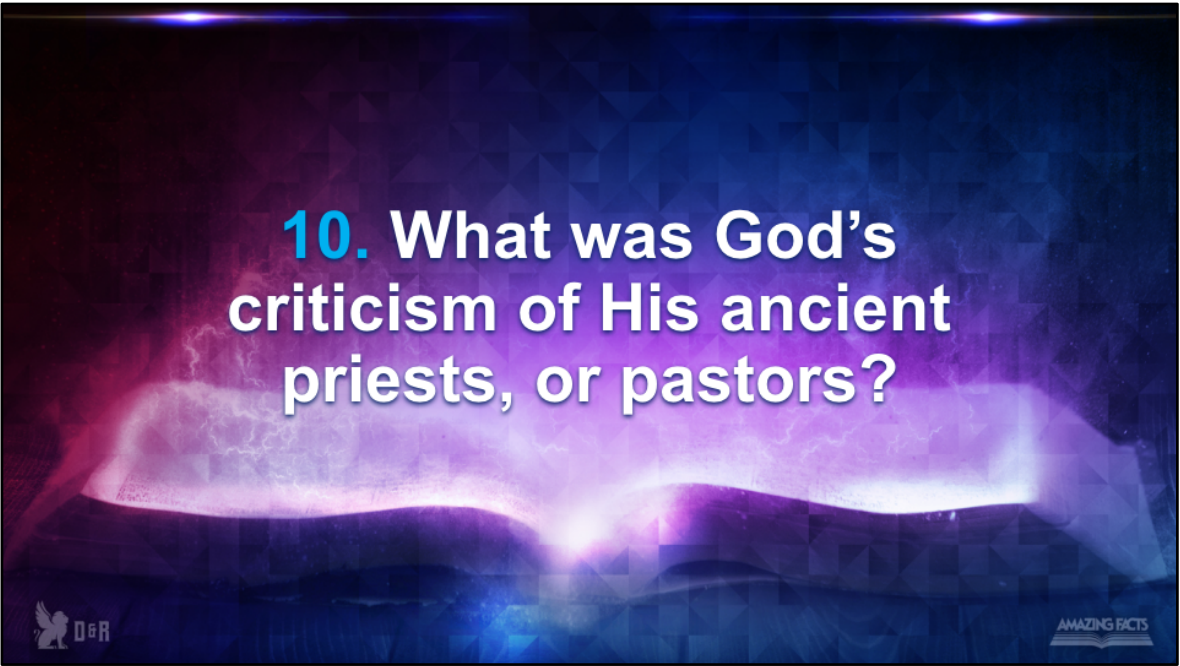
**“We should not interpret  
Genesis literally.”**

Peter Stravinskes, Editor,  
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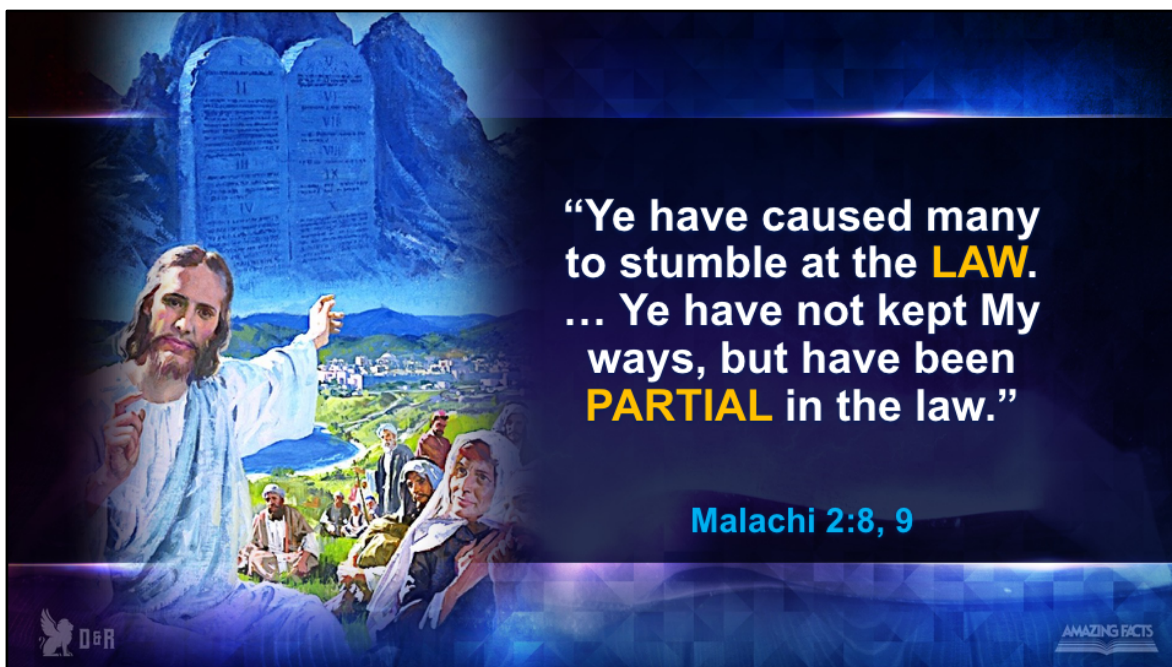
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**10. What was God's  
criticism of His ancient  
priests, or pastors?**



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**NOTE:**

*God is still hurt when His pastors are partial to eight or nine commandments and cause many to stumble over His command to keep the Sabbath holy. Virtually all churches admit in their official writings that there is no Scripture support for Sunday sacredness.*

*Tragically, both Protestantism and Catholicism stand guilty before the judgment bar of God for throwing out the Bible Sabbath! God Himself gave the Sabbath as a sign, or mark, of His power to create and His power to sanctify and save (Exodus 31:17; Ezekiel 20:12). Dare any man tamper with this sacred sign, which represents the great God of heaven and all that He stands for?*





**11. How did God's ancient  
leaders regard the great  
things of His law?**

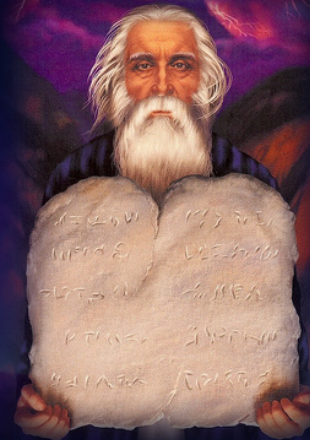


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“Thou hast **FORGOTTEN**  
the law of thy God.”

Hosea 4:6



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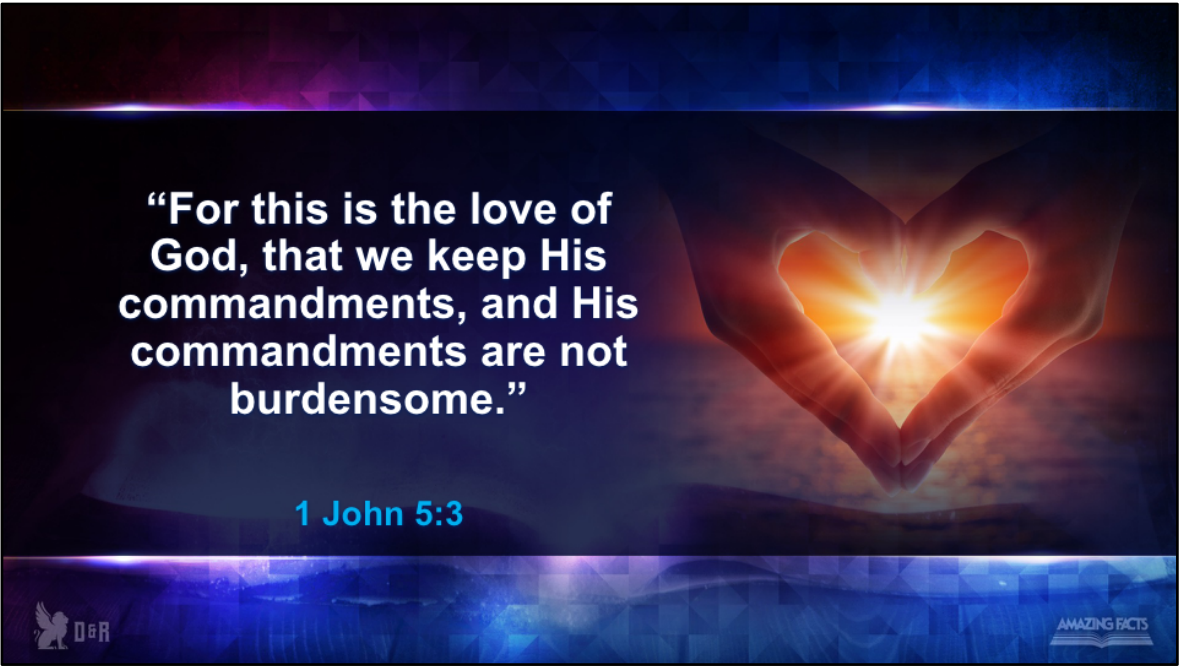


“I have written to him the great things  
of My law, but they were **COUNTED** as a  
**STRANGE** thing.”

Hosea 8:12

**NOTE:**

*Times have not changed. God has placed the Sabbath, His great sign, in the middle of His law and begins that commandment with the word "remember." Yet many people today feel that keeping His seventh-day Sabbath is a strange thing.*



**“For this is the love of  
God, that we keep His  
commandments, and His  
commandments are not  
burdensome.”**

**1 John 5:3**



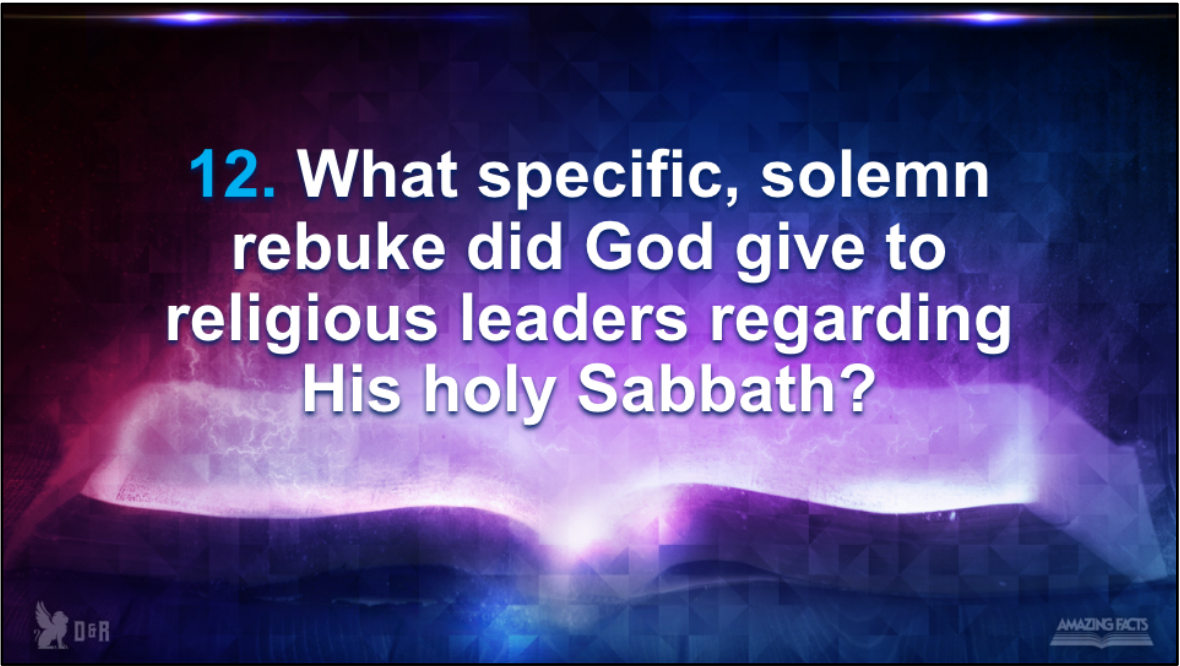
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**“If you love Me, keep  
My commandments.”**

**John 14:15**



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**12. What specific, solemn rebuke did God give to religious leaders regarding His holy Sabbath?**



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“Her priests have violated my law, and  
have profaned mine holy things: they  
have put **NO DIFFERENCE** between  
the holy and profane ...”

Ezekiel 22:26



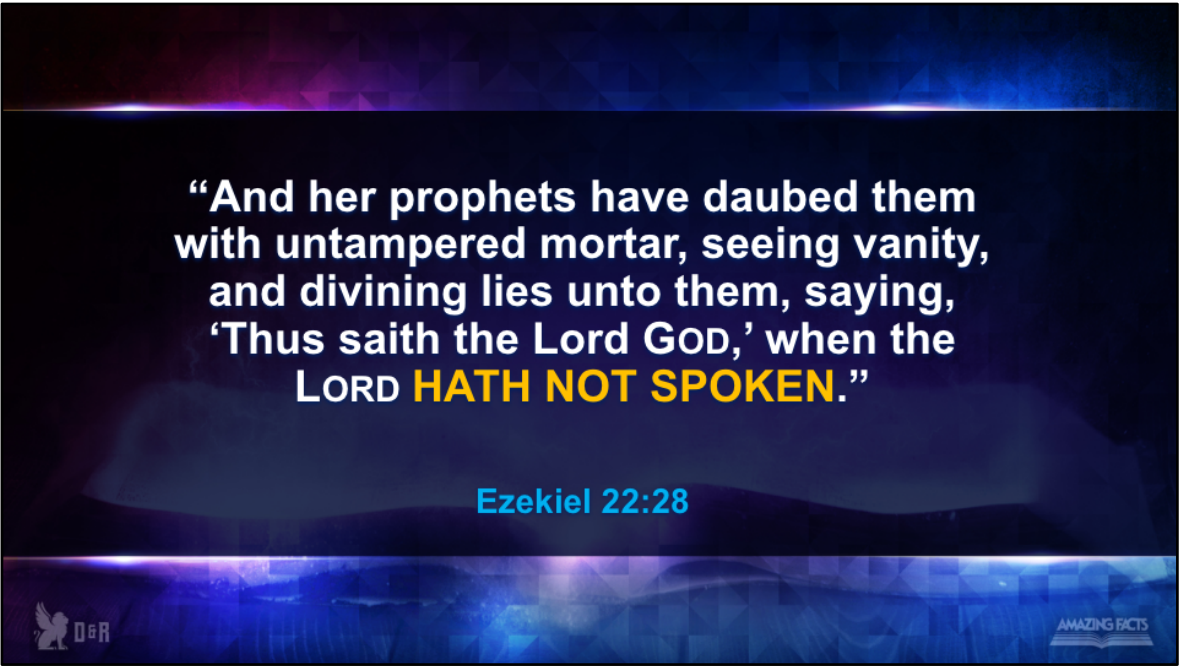
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“and have **HID** their  
**EYES** from my  
Sabbaths, and I am  
profaned among them.”

Ezekiel 22:26



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“And her prophets have daubed them  
with untampered mortar, seeing vanity,  
and divining lies unto them, saying,  
‘Thus saith the Lord GOD,’ when the  
LORD **HATH NOT SPOKEN.**”

Ezekiel 22:28

**NOTE:**

*God pointedly rebukes religious leaders who say  
that the Sabbath doesn't matter and who claim  
"Thus saith the Lord" when it is not true.*

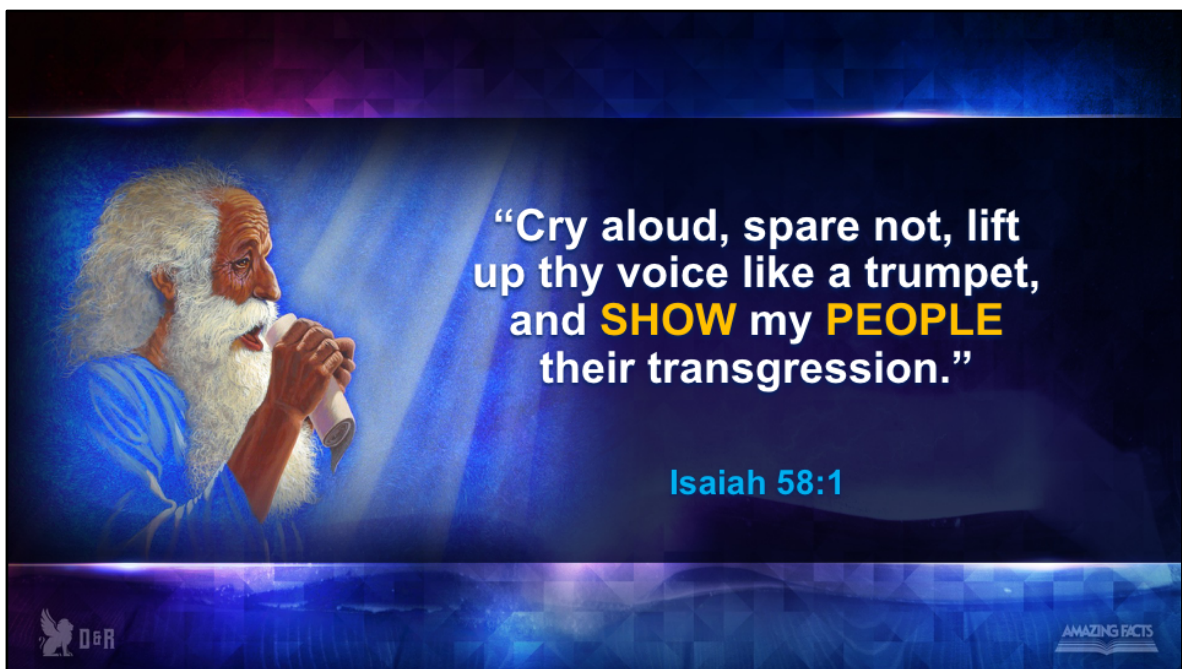


**13. What specific sin does God command His leaders to denounce?**



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**“If thou turn away thy  
foot from the Sabbath,  
from doing thy pleasure  
on my holy day;”**

**Isaiah 58:13**

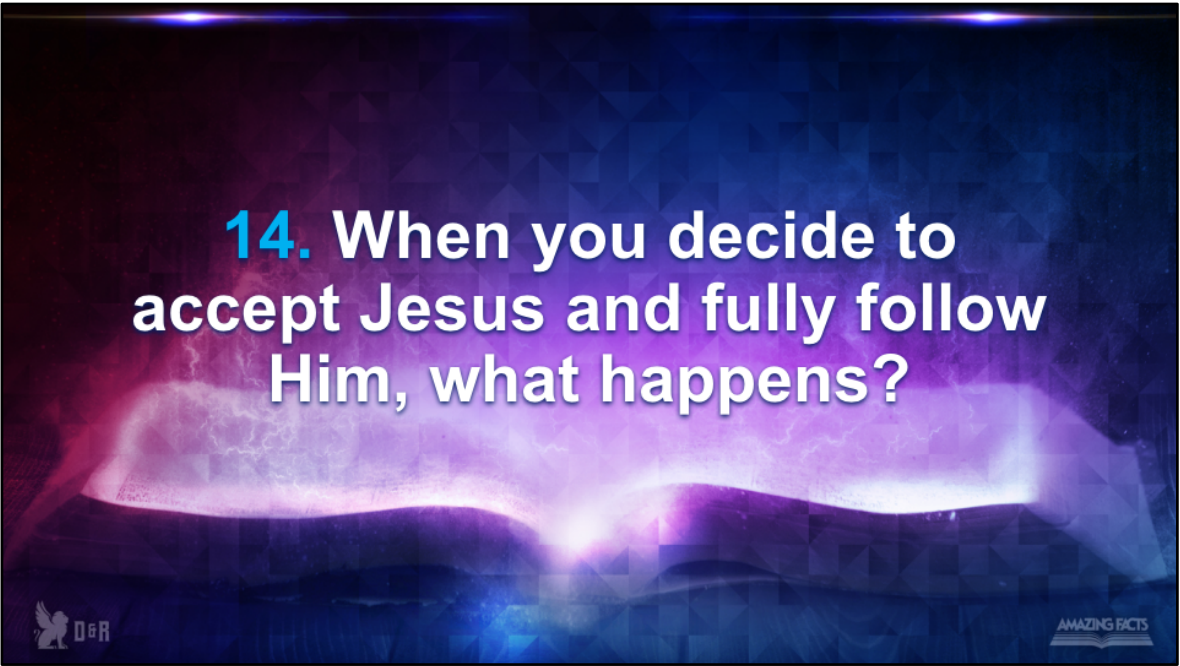


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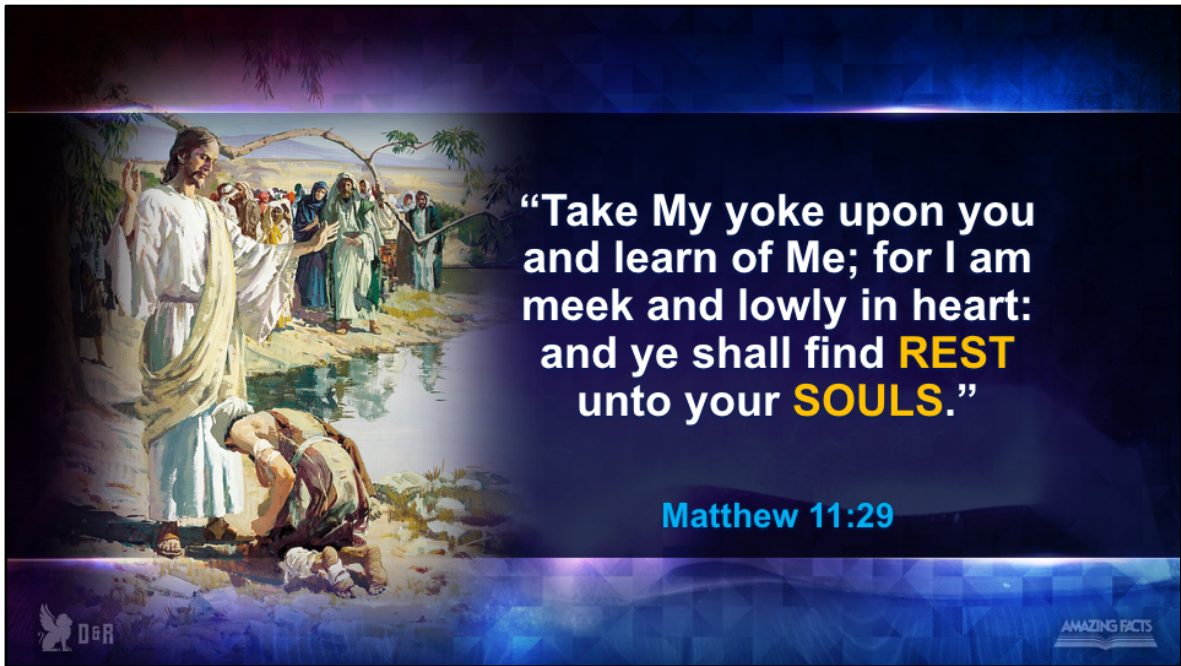
*God charges spiritual leaders to call Sabbath-breaking a sin and to insist that His people keep His Sabbath day holy. As with the disciples of old, our only safety is in obeying God rather than men (Acts 5:29).*

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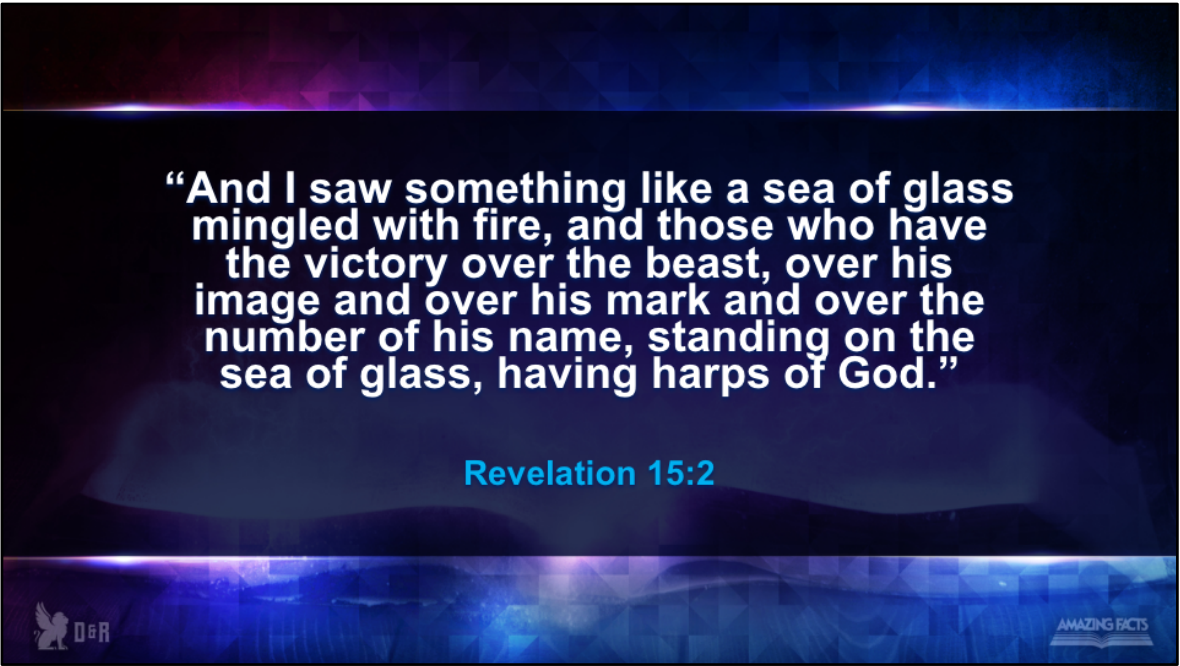
**14.** When you decide to  
accept Jesus and fully follow  
Him, what happens?



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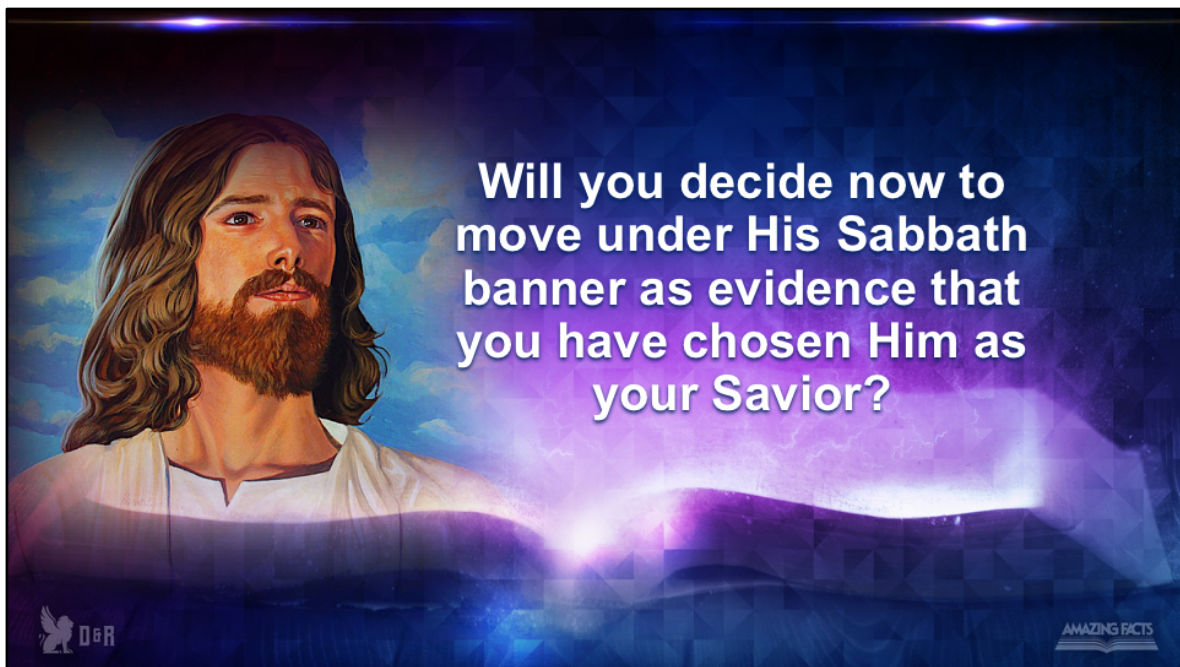


**“And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.”**

**Revelation 15:2**

**NOTE:**

*Glorious rest and peace enter your heart at conversion. The Sabbath, which means "rest," is a symbol of the rest and peace that comes from the new birth (Hebrews 4:1-10). Those who are truly born again will keep the Sabbath as a blessed sign of that rest (notice verses 4, 9, 10). There is no joy like the joy that comes to a converted person who keeps God's Sabbath holy.*



**Before you can say “no” to the mark of the beast, you must say “yes” to the seal of God. Jesus is waiting at the door of your heart for an answer.**



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